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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Attorney Docket No. LAM2P282  
Ni et al. )  
Application No. 09/586,530 ) Examiner: SONG, Matthew J.  
Filed: May 31, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 1765  
For: ETCH ENDPOINT DETECTION ) Date: August 17, 2004

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Fees
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any missing following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0805(LAM2P282).
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (0 months) (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 35 U.S.C.  
132(B)**

**AND**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 17, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2004, Applicant hereby requests continued examination and consideration of the enclosed amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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